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## **Public Spaces Protection Order to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour in Ramsey**

Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC), working alongside Cambridgeshire Constabulary, has introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Ramsey following a successful consultation with the community.

Residents and local businesses shared their concerns about rising anti-social behaviour in the town centre and surrounding areas, prompting this initiative to improve safety and quality of life.

The PSPO, now in effect, grants council officers and police the authority to address disruptive behaviours, that negatively impact the area. This joint effort aims to create a safer and more welcoming environment for residents, visitors, and businesses.

Executive Councillor for Resident Services and Corporate Performance, Cllr Stephen Ferguson said, "This PSPO is a positive step toward tackling the issues Ramsey has been facing. We are grateful to everyone who shared their views, and we're committed to making the town a safe and thriving hub for our communities to enjoy now and for generations to come."

Neighbourhood Sergeant, Andy Caruana, said: "This PSPO gives us the tools we need to address persistent issues, such as anti-social behaviour, vandalism and other activities that disrupt public spaces. With this order in place, we can respond more effectively to the concerns of residents and businesses, working together to create an environment and a space that are enjoyable and accessible for all."

The PSPO covers Ramsey town centre and surrounding areas, including all public spaces such as roads, footpaths, bridleways, and accessible property frontages. This includes Great Whyte, Newton Green, New Road, Mews Close, and all connected walkways.

To learn more about how the Council addresses anti-social behaviour or to report an issue, visit: [Crime and Community Safety - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/crime-and-community-safety).

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